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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated October 24, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time to respond to April 24, 2003.

Information Disclosure Statement

In response to the Examiner's request in the above-mentioned Office Action, Applicant's re-submit herewith a copy of PTO Form 1449, filed July 14, 2000 (with Examiner's notations) together with Australian Patent No. 48747/97 (5/14/1998). Applicant's were unable to obtain Australian Patent No. 77165/95 (6/5/1997), and in its place substitute the related WO97/20040 (6/5/1997), a copy of the relevant page from the International Search Report showing the relationship is also provided.

Further, Applicants herewith submit an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form SB/08 with a copy of the prior art, as cited in this present Amendment and Reply.

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